

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please re-write the claims to read as follows:

- 1 1. (Previously Presented): A method for generating a unique subordinate resource name,  
2 said method comprising the steps of:
  - 3 identifying a first subordinate resource and a related first superior resource;
  - 4 ascertaining the name of said first superior resource;
  - 5 truncating said first superior resource name to form a first truncated name;
  - 6 obtaining a first counter number from a global counter;
  - 7 appending said first counter number to said first truncated name to form a first  
8 appended name;
  - 9 assigning said first appended name to said first subordinate resource;
  - 10 identifying a second subordinate resource and a related second superior resource;
  - 11 ascertaining the name of said second superior resource;
  - 12 truncating said second superior resource name to form a second truncated name;
  - 13 incrementing said global counter to obtain a second counter number;
  - 14 appending said second counter number to said second truncated name to form a  
15 second appended name; and
  - 16 assigning said second appended name to the second subordinate resource.

1 2. (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1 wherein said step of truncating com-  
2 prises;

3 a step of dropping the last  $n$  characters of said first and second superior resource  
4 names, where  $n \geq 3$ .

1 3. (Canceled).

1 4. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 2 wherein said counter numbers are at  
2 least three digits in length.

1 5. (Previously Presented): A method for generating a unique subordinate resource name,  
2 said method comprising the steps of:

3 identifying a first subordinate resource and a related first superior resource;

4 ascertaining the name of said first superior resource;

5 obtaining a first counter number of  $n$  digits from a global counter;

6 substituting said first counter number for  $n$  characters in said first superior re-  
7 source name to form a first name;

8 assigning said first name to said first subordinate resource;

9 identifying a second subordinate resource and a related second superior resource;

10 ascertaining the name of said second superior resource;

11 incrementing said global counter to obtain a second counter number; and

12 substituting said second counter number in said second superior resource name to form a  
13 second name; and  
14 assigning said second name to the second subordinate resource.

1 6. (Original): The method of claim 5 wherein  $n \geq 3$ .

1 7. (Canceled).

1 8. (Previously Presented) A method for generating unique subordinate resource names,  
2 comprising:

3 identifying one or more subordinate resources, each of the one or more subordi-  
4 nate resources related to one of one or more superior resources;

5 truncating a name of the one or more superior resources; and

6 naming each of the one or more subordinate resources as a combination of the  
7 truncated name of its related superior resource and an identification (ID) number, the ID  
8 number unique to each of the one or more subordinate resources across all of the one or  
9 more superior resources.

1 9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, further comprising:

2 obtaining a counter number from a global counter; and

3 using the counter number as the unique ID number.

1 10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9, further comprising:  
2       incrementing the global counter for each subordinate resource to obtain a unique  
3 counter number.

1 11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, further comprising:  
2       truncating n characters of the superior resource name, where n is greater than or  
3 equal to three.

1 12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, further comprising:  
2       using one or more physical units (PUs) as the one or more superior resources.

1 13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, further comprising:  
2       using one or more logical units (LUs) as the one or more subordinate resources.

1 14. (Previously Presented) A system, comprising:  
2       one or more superior resources, each of the one or more superior resources having  
3 a name; and  
4       one or more subordinate resources, each of the one or more subordinate resources  
5 related to one of the one or more superior resources, each of the one or more subordinate  
6 resources being named as a combination of a truncated name of its related superior re-  
7 source and an identification (ID) number, the ID number unique to each of the one or  
8 more subordinate resources across all of the one or more superior resources.

1 15. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 14, further comprising: a global counter  
2 to create a counter number, the counter number to be used as the unique ID number.

1 16. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 15, further comprising:  
2 the global counter incremented for each subordinate resource to obtain a unique  
3 counter number.

1 17. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 14, further comprising:  
2 the truncated name formed by truncating n characters of the superior resource  
3 name, where n is greater than or equal to three.

1 18. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 14, further comprising:  
2 a server in communicating relationship with the one or more superior resources.

1 19. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 18, further comprising:  
2 a computer network for use as the communicating relationship.

1 20. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 14, further comprising:  
2 one or more physical units (PUs) as the one or more superior resources.

1 21. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 14, further comprising:  
2 one or more logical units (LUs) as the one or more subordinate resources.

1 22. (Previously Presented) A system, comprising:  
2 means for identifying one or more subordinate resources, each of the one or more  
3 subordinate resources related to one of one or more superior resources;  
4 means for truncating a name of the one or more superior resources; and  
5 means for naming each of the one or more subordinate resources as a combination  
6 of the truncated name of its related superior resource and an identification (ID) number,  
7 the ID number unique to each of the one or more subordinate resources across all of the  
8 one or more superior resources.

1 23. (Previously Presented) A computer readable media, comprising: the computer read-  
2 able media containing instructions for execution on a processor for the practice of the  
3 method of,  
4 identifying one or more subordinate resources, each of the one or more subordi-  
5 nate resources related to one of one or more superior resources;  
6 truncating a name of the one or more superior resources; and  
7 naming each of the one or more subordinate resources as a combination of the  
8 truncated name of its related superior resource and an identification (ID) number, the ID  
9 number unique to each of the one or more subordinate resources across all of the one or  
10 more superior resources.

1 24. (Previously Presented) Electromagnetic signals propagating on a computer network,  
2 comprising:

3 the electromagnetic signals carrying instructions for execution on a processor for  
4 the practice of the method of,

5 identifying one or more subordinate resources, each of the one or more subordi-  
6 nate resources related to one of one or more superior resources;

7 truncating a name of the one or more superior resources; and

8 naming each of the one or more subordinate resources as a combination of the  
9 truncated name of its related superior resource and an identification (ID) number, the ID  
10 number unique to each of the one or more subordinate resources across all of the one or  
11 more superior resources.

1 25. (Previously Presented) A method for generating a unique subordinate resource  
2 name, said method comprising the steps of:

3 identifying a subordinate resource and a related superior resource;

4 ascertaining the name of said superior resource;

5 truncating said superior resource name to form a truncated name;

6 obtaining a counter number from a counter;

7 appending said counter number to said truncated name to form an appended  
8 name; and

9 assigning said appended name to said subordinate resource.

1 26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25 wherein said step of truncating  
2 comprises:

3 dropping the last  $n$  characters of said superior resource name,

4 where  $n \geq 3$ .

1 27. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 25, further comprising:

2 incrementing the ~~global~~ counter for each additional subordinate resource related  
3 to said superior resource to obtain a unique counter number.

1 28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, further comprising:

2 truncating  $n$  characters of the superior resource name.

1 29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, further comprising:

2 selecting a unique number by the global counter for each subordinate resource of  
3 a plurality of subordinate resources related to the superior resource.

1 30. (Previously Presented) An apparatus to generate a unique subordinate resource  
2 name, said apparatus comprising the steps of:

3 means for identifying a subordinate resource and a related superior resource;

4 means for ascertaining the name of said superior resource;

5 means for truncating said superior resource name to form a truncated name;



- 6 means for obtaining a counter number from a counter;
- 7 means for appending said counter number to said truncated name to form an ap-
- 8 pended name; and
- 9 means for assigning said appended name to said subordinate resource.

1 31. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 30 wherein said step of truncating

2 comprises:

- 3 means for dropping the last  $n$  characters of said superior resource name,
- 4 where  $n \geq 3$ .

1 32. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 30, further comprising:

- 2 means for incrementing the ~~global~~ counter for each additional subordinate re-
- 3 source related to said superior resource to obtain a unique counter number.

1 33. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 30, further comprising:

- 2 means for truncating  $n$  characters of the superior resource name.

1 34. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 30, further comprising:

- 2 means for selecting a unique number by the ~~global~~ counter for each subordinate
- 3 resource of a plurality of subordinate resources related to the superior resource.

1 35. (Previously Presented) A server, comprising:  
2 a first superior resource, the superior resource selected from a plurality of superior  
3 resources, the first superior resource having a name;  
4 a first subordinate resource related to the superior resource, the first subordinate  
5 resource selected from a plurality of subordinate resources;  
6 means for truncating said first superior resource name to form a truncated name;  
7 a counter to produce a globally unique number;  
8 means for appending said number to said truncated name to form an appended  
9 name; and  
10 means for assigning said appended name to said first subordinate resource to gen-  
11 erate a unique subordinate resource name for said first subordinate resource.

1 36. (Currently Amended) The server as in claim 35, further comprising:  
2 said ~~global~~ counter selecting a unique number for each subordinate resource of  
3 said plurality of subordinate resources.